

Cape Lookout National Seashore
As of July 11, 2013

Management Activity

Routine monitoring of bird (Since March 15th) and sea turtle activity (May 1)

Closure Summary: Shoreline Closures to Motor Vehicles are seasonal or temporary.
(Except for Shackleford Banks, the swim beach closure from Ramp 41 to Ramp 42 and Power Squadron Spit west of the Jetty.)

In general the shoreline is open to pedestrians, exceptions will be posted. Boaters can expect interior bird closures, signed closed to all entry, at the inlets and points from April 1 to August 31. Boaters are encouraged to land within 0.25 mile of the inlets. This allows pedestrians to walk the inlet shoreline for access to the ocean shoreline

Bird Closures-

South Core Banks- The beach from ramp 40 to ramp 39 is closed to motor vehicles for American Oystercatcher chicks, detour to the backroad is open.

South Core Banks- The beach from ramp 35b to ramp 36 is closed to motor vehicles for American Oystercatcher chicks, detour to the backroad is open.

South Core Banks- The beach from ramp 34 to ramp 33 is closed to motor vehicles for American Oystercatcher chicks, detour to the backroad is open.

South Core Banks- The beach from ramp 24 to Ophelia Inlet is closed to motor vehicles for piping plover chicks, no detour available.

North Core Banks- The beach from ramp 14 to ramp 13b is closed to motor vehicles for American Oystercatcher chicks, detour to the backroad is open.

North Core Banks- The beach from ramp 13a to ramp 12 is closed to motor vehicles for American Oystercatcher chicks, detour to the backroad is open.

North Core Banks- The beach from ramp 7a to ramp 7b is closed to motor vehicles for American Oystercatcher chicks, detour to the backroad is open.

North Core Banks- The beach from ramp 4a to ramp 4b is closed to motor vehicles for American Oystercatcher chicks, detour to the backroad is open.

Recently re-opened

South Core Banks- The beach at Cape Point is re-open to motor vehicles.

South Core Banks- The beach from ramp 28 to ramp 27 is re-open to motor vehicles.

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South Core Banks- The beach from ramp 24 to ramp 25 is re-open to motor vehicles.

North Core Banks- The beach from mile 3.8 to mile 3.0 is re-open to motor vehicles.

Numbers are preliminary and the data will be reviewed before finalized
North Core Banks numbers include middle core section.

Piping Plover Summary: June 1-9 Census= 43 pairs & 2 singles for the seashore

South Core Banks- 10 pairs, 12 nests to date, 1 active nest, 2 broods, 9 fledglings
North Core Banks- 33 pairs, 39 nests to date, 2 active nests, 5 broods, 29 fledglings
Shackleford Banks- 0 pairs, 0 nests

American Oystercatcher Summary:

South Core Banks- 47 nests to date, 0 active nest, 7 broods, 5 fledglings
North Core Banks- 50 nests to date, 1 active nest, 8 broods of chicks, 2 fledglings
Shackleford Banks- 8 nests to date, 1 brood

Colonial Waterbirds:

South Core Banks- 7 colonies
North Core Banks- 9 colonies
Shackleford Banks- 0

Wilson's Plover: June 1-9 Census= 91 pairs, 10 singles

Seashore Sea Turtle Nesting Activity to date:

North Core Banks- 83 activities, 38 nests, 4 possible nests, 41 false crawls
South Core Banks- 96 activities, 43 nests, 2 possible nests, 51 false crawls
Shackleford Banks- 18 activities, 13 nests, 2 possible nests, 3 false crawls

Seashore Total- 197 activities, 94 nests, 8 possible nests, 95 false crawls

Loggerhead - 89 nests, 5 possible nests
Green - 5 nests, 3 possible nests